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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ENEMY RETIRES FROM JERICHO.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

An official message from Palestine
states:—
The enemy retired from Jericho to
the north of the Wadi Auja, leaving
his posts on the high ground on the
left bank.

The enemy also retired to the east
across the Jordan but is holding the
bridge head at El Ghoraniye.

JERICHO CAPTURED.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Our troops have captured Jericho.

LATER.

An official report from Palestine

says:—

Our forces advancing on Thursday
morning encountered small opposition
and at 8.20 the Australian mounted
troops entered Jericho and established
themselves on the line of the Jordan-
Wadijaja.

The weather is bad.

The casualties on Wednesday were
slight. Forty-six Turks were taken
prisoners.

We have extended our positions
north and north-eastward of Jerusalem.

EAST AFRICA.

THE PURSUIT OF THE ENEMY.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

An official message from East
Africa states:—

We dislodged the enemy from the
Lujenda Valley and forced his retire-
ment to the south towards the upper
Lurio river, taking some prisoners in
the vicinity of Mt. Mtarika and Luwim-
buluboma.

The Portuguese re-occupied Malok-
tera and the British are following up
the main body of the enemy along
and to the north of the Lurio river.

THE INTER-ALLIED SOCIALIST CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

M. Albert Thomas presided at
yesterday's Inter-Allied Socialist Con-
ference, in London.

M. Thomas said that the discus-
sions in Paris had assured the cer-
tainty of agreement in the common
policy, based on the British Labour
war aims memorandum which were
so international and so humane that
the enemy socialists would be able
to accept it.

The British section of the Confer-
ence refused to allow the Independent
Labour Party of the British Socialist
Party to be separately represented,
and a movement is afoot to form a
British Trade Union Labour Party.

THE UKRAINE PEACE.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.

The *Vossische Zeitung* states that
Dr. Seidler's statement that Cholim
would not be ceded to Ukraine has
not assuaged the situation.

There were wild scenes in the
Reichsrath; the Slavs and Czechs
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**A MODIFICATION FAILS TO EASE
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**RUSSIAN NAVY COMPLETELY
DISORGANIZED.**

PETERSBURG, Feb. 23.

The Naval authorities have given up
hope of active operations by the Fleet,
which is completely disorganized.

ENEMY ADVANCE IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The Germans have advanced to an
average of 50 miles in Russia since
they resumed operations on February
18th. The only point where anything
like a resistance was encountered was
at Lemsal, where a small body of
Russians fought overwhelming odds
for a short time.

Leal is 60 miles to the south-west
of Reval and fifteen miles from the
coast. Venden is 45 miles to the
north-east of Riga, on the Petrograd
railway, and Volmar, on the same
railway, is 20 miles north of Riga
and twelve miles from the coast.

Unofficial reports state that the
Germans are advancing in the direc-
tion of Vitebsk, which is 150 miles
to the south-east of Dvinsk and 90
miles north of Moshkoff. Their scouts
appeared near Polotsk, half-way
between Vitebsk and Dvinsk, whilst
Molodetchno, which is 110 miles to
the south of Dvinsk, is stated to be
in the hands of the Germans whose
cavalry is moving on to Moshkoff.

The enemy captured Riejtza,
which is 80 miles to the north-east of
Dvinsk, and is advancing on Pskov.

GERMAN OFFICIAL MESSAGE.
A German official message states:
Our troops in Esthonia are pressing
eastwards.

We occupied Wark, in Livonia, and
Dubno.

**RUSSIAN REGIMENT PUTS ITSELF
AT GERMAN DISPOSAL.**

GERMANY HELPING THE
"STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM."

LONDON, Feb. 22.

A German official report transmitted
by wireless states:
We have occupied Hapsal, Esthonia.
The First Esthonian Regiment placed
itself at the disposal of the German
command.

We are beyond Bounsbury, Wolmar
and Spandau and entered Riezitz
amidst the rejoicings of the inhabitants.
Thence we advanced via Cinzas and
occupied Minsk.

Our assistance to Ukraine in the
struggle for freedom is progressing. We
have effected a junction with Ukrainian
detachments at Novograd Volynsk.
Other columns are marching on Dubno.

**REPUBLIC IN THE GRAVEST
DANGER.**

**AN ORDER TO IMPEDE THE
ENEMY'S ADVANCE.**

PETERSBURG, Feb. 23.

The Council of Commissaries has
issued a Proclamation which says that
the Republic is in the gravest danger
and it calls upon everyone to defend
the positions to the last drop of blood,
to remove rolling stock and destroy the
railways behind them, and even the
provisions which are in danger of
falling into the enemy's hands. It
directs the raising of battalions to dig
trenches. These battalions are to
include all the bourgeois classes, men
and women, who are placed under the
surveillance of the Red Guards.
Resisters are to be shot.

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DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES WILL BE RESUMED ON 1st March. For Terms etc. apply to THE HEADMASTER, Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1918. 175

NOTICE.

PEAK HOTEL.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. P. O. PETER'S connection with the PEAK HOTEL, as Manager, ceases as from the 25th inst.

It is desired to balance the accounts of the Hotel as from that date. All persons to or from whom monies are due are therefore requested to send in their claims or pay the sums due from them forthwith.

A. FINDLAY SMITH,
Proprietor,
PEAK HOTEL,
Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1918. 174

THE WATERHOUSE STEAMSHIP LINES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SEATTLE.

THE Steamship "LUIS NIELSEN," having arrived from the above port, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Rowland Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 4th March, at 5 p.m., will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 4th March, at 10 A.M. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "SANTHIA," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Rowland Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within 10 days after arrival of Steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID BARNES & Co., Ltd., Agents.

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

2.15—Harrison's Circus opens at Causeway Bay.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

Second day of Races.

GENERAL REMINDERS.

Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Third day of Races.

Thursday, Feb. 28.

11.30 A.M.—Meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co.

Friday, March 1.

11.15 P.M.—Hongkong Hotel Co.'s half-yearly meeting of shareholders.

Tuesday, March 5.

1.30 P.M.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture etc. at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Captain Philip de Foublerque, Royal Engineers, who married the eldest daughter of His Excellency The Governor, was recently awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

We are asked to announce that a prayer-meeting will be held in connection with the Christian Union to-morrow, at 5.30 p.m., in the Helena May Institute, to be followed by the annual business meeting.

A meeting is to be held at the American Consulate General at nine o'clock to-morrow evening, February 26th, of the American men in the Colony who are especially interested in the organization of a chapter of the American Red Cross in Hongkong. This meeting is to be preliminary, and in the way of a committee on organization to a meeting of all the Americans in the Colony which is to be held in the Hongkong Hotel at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 28th, at which time the organization of a chapter of the Red Cross will be effected. Both meetings will be addressed by Mr. F. N. Doubleday of New York.

THE MAGISTRACY.

SOLDIERS IN TROUBLE.

Three soldiers of the Royal Garrison Artillery were charged this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood with having on Saturday evening refused to pay the proper rickshaw fare to three coolies, and with damaging their rickshaws to the extent of £20. The defendants admitted both charges, and it was stated that they had agreed to pay \$1.50 to each coolie as compensation and to pay \$20 on account of damage incurred. The case was adjourned until Wednesday at 10 o'clock, when the money is expected to be forthcoming.

LARCENY FROM A GRAVE-DIGGER.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Oyar Ball with stealing a silver watch and chain from another Chinese. Complainant, who is a grave digger at the Catholic Cemetery, stated that on Saturday about 2 p.m. while he was busily engaged in filling in a grave, his jacket was hanging on a stone cross. After a while he felt his pocket and found that his watch and chain had been abstracted. Search was begun and he found defendant near by holding his watch. He questioned him but defendant made no reply. He then arrested accused with the help of his foki and took him to the station.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and said he saw the watch and chain on the ground near the grave and as soon as he picked it up he was arrested.

His Worship suggested that if defendant was an upright man he would have informed complainant of his watch falling.

A sentence of two months' hard labour was passed on defendant.

THE RACES.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-MORROW.

JOCKEY CUP.—

Bubblesand, Peckskill, Dainty Dahlia.

EXCHANGE PLATE.—

Royalsand, Sandy, Fairy Light.

HONGKONG DERBY.—

Domino, Wild Cat, Rockland.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFINS' CHALLENGE CUP.—

Black Cat, Rockhouse, Camouflage.

CHINA STAKES.—

Merryand, Brown Mouse, Coronet Dahlia.

LUISIANCO CUP.—

Maybe, Modesty Dahlia, Persian Cat.

FOOTCROW CUP.—

Kalgan Chief, Xmas Light, Anticipation.

ROYAL NAVY STAKES.—

Green Cloth, Marne, White Cat.

BLACK ROCK STAKES.—

Salamanca, Tylam Chief, Bantam Dahlia.

GYMKEANA CLUB CUP.—

Whindor Dahlia, Cadlow's Wolf, Australian Chief.

Do you promise to love, honour, and cherish this woman?

Yes, said the politician. Whatever the platform is, I subscribe to it.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

As last year, the sky was somewhat cloudy in the morning on the first day of the annual races, held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club. As the day wore on, however, the sun came out and on the whole the day could be called an ideal one for racing. The course was dry but the times were recorded were poor.

A large number of people were present by noon when the first race started. At about ten minutes to mid-day His Excellency the Governor and Miss May, Mrs. Tudor-Tudor and Miss Camille arrived, accompanied by Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, A.D.C., and were met at the entrance by the Secretary, Mr. T. P. Hough, the Clerk of the Course, assisted as usual in his yearly task.

The proceedings were enlivened by a programme of music, excellently rendered by the band of the Middlesex Regiment, under Bandmaster Laurie Owen.

Following was the Band programme:—
March—Washington Grange, Godfrey Selection, Half Past Eight, Rabens Two Step, Marmite Mice, Thurston Overture, Light Cavalry, Stopped Intermars, Ranges, You, Aster Selection, Push and Go, Daresvahi Serenade, Amia, Liscke Fox Trot, Hors d'Oeuvre, Arr. by Owen Selection, Reminiscences of England.

Love Dance, Every Little Movement, Roach's Valse, Nights of Gladness, Archife Selection, Chu Chik Chow, Norton March, Militaire, Gounod.

In the Cash Sweeps, this year, 2 per cent. was deducted instead of the usual 12 per cent., the excess going to War Charities and it may be added that the practice was inaugurated of paying \$25 on each unplaced starter in the races.

The officials of the meeting were: STEWARDS—His Excellency Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Major-General F. Ventris, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., the Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., His Honour Sir W. Ross Davies, Kt., the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Messrs. H. J. Gedde, Henry Humphreys, N. J. Stubb, G. C. Moxon, D. M. Ross, Lieut.-Col. John Ward, M.P., and H. P. White. STEWARDS IN CHARGE OF THE SCALE—The Hon. Mr. D. Landale and Mr. G. C. Moxon.

HANDICAPPER—Mr. D. M. Ross.

JUDGE—Mr. F. B. Marshall.

ASSISTANT JUDGES—Messrs. W. D. Jupp and D. M. Ross.

PADOCK—Mr. H. P. White.

STARTER—Mr. E. J. Gedde.

SECOND STARTER—Mr. Paul M. Hodgson.

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THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES.

Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918 allowed 7lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's Ridgeway, 11st 11lb (Mr. Johnston) 1

Mr. Dryadust's Peckskill, 11st 11lb (Mr. McEain) 2

Mr. Barydy's Morning Glory, 10st 12lb (Mr. Vids) 3

Also ran—White Cat (Mr. Moller), The Buster (Mr. Knoll), King Dick (Mr. Barton), White Chalk (Mr. McEain), Ebony Pearl (Mr. Elias), Yeer (Mr. Kremer), Ole Bill (Mr. Gegg), Sporting sand (Mr. Ears), Bill Brower (Mr. Sedgwick).

After several false efforts a good start was effected. Morning Glory taking first place. Down the incline, Morning Glory still led. Sporting Sand second with Ridgeway lying third. Round the bend, Morning Glory still had the advantage of Sporting Sand with Ridgeway still third and the remainder of the field spread out. In the straight Morning Glory held the lead. Peckskill taking second place, and Moller forcing the pace. It was a fine race at the finish. Mr. Johnston on the rails leading by a length with half a length between second and third.

Time: 50 2/5.

Pari-Mutuel—Winner, \$19.50

Places—1st, \$7.80; 2nd, \$16.70; 3rd, \$8.00.

Cash Sweeps—No. 292, \$710; No. 229, \$208; No. 52, \$101.

Unplaced Ponies—\$25 each—Nos. 49, 55, 114, 117, 128, 157, 228, 285, 301.

THE MAIDEN STAKES.

Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918 allowed 7lb. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. George Sand's Rockland, 11st 11lb (Mr. Ears) 1

Mr. Dryadust's Maybe, 10st 12lb (Mr. McEain) 2

Mr. Adamer's Siamese Cat, 10st 12lb (Mr. Moller) 3

Also ran—Gentle Gas (Mr. Sedgwick), Shatin Chief (Mr. Knoll), Conquest Dahlia (Mr. Vids), New Year (Mr. Johnston).

After a bad start, Conquest Dahlia got ahead several lengths, New Year being half a length behind. Up the incline Conquest Dahlia led, Rockland second with Shatin Chief third and Siamese Cat close up. Rockland took the lead near the Rock, by about half a length, Conquest Dahlia taking second, and Maybe third place from Shatin Chief, with New Year still many lengths behind. Down the incline Rockland led with Conquest Dahlia second. Rockland, being easily ridden, laid first on the rails, down the straight, Conquest Dahlia second. Maybe, third, challenged the leader on the outside. At the post Rockland was leading by half a length from Maybe who was followed by Siamese Cat, one and a half lengths behind.

Time: 1min. 32 1/4secs.

Pari-Mutuel—Winner, \$11.00

Places—1st, \$6.80; 2nd, \$6.20; 3rd, \$1.20.

Cash Sweeps—1st, No. 295, \$1,010; 2nd, No. 218, \$288; 3rd, No. 31, \$144.

Unplaced Ponies—\$25 each—Nos. 19, 32, 51, 270.

THE VICTORIA STAKES.

Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Bona fide Griffins on date of entry allowed 5lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918 allowed 10lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's Sandy, 10st 11lb (Mr. Johnston) 1

Mr. George Sand's Merryand, 12st 11lb (Mr. Ears) 2

Mr. Dryadust's The Spec, 10st 9lb (Mr. McEain) 3

Also ran—Essex Chief (Mr. Knoll).

After a level start, The Spec passed the post first with Merryand and Sandy in second and third places, with Essex Chief last. The same order was kept past the incline, with a length between each. At the Bowington gate The Spec was still leading from Merryand, and Sandy was third. Past the football stand, and up the incline Merryand gradually reduced The Spec's lead with Sandy following. Merryand drew level with The Spec at the Rock and down the incline, Merryand took the lead from The Spec with Sandy third. In the home straight, Merryand led with Sandy second and The Spec third. A hard-fought race resulted in Sandy winning by a short head from Merryand with The Spec three lengths behind.

Time: 2min. 3secs.

Pari-Mutuel—Winners, \$7.00

Places—1st, \$5.10; 2nd, \$5.20.

Cash Sweeps—1st, No. 52, \$1,278; 2nd, No. 108, \$384; 3rd, No. 129, \$182.

Unplaced, \$25—No. 363.

THE VALLEY STAKES.

Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918 allowed 7lb. Winner of the Maiden Stakes 7lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance \$10. Allowances accumulative. From the two mile post once round and in.

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Also ran—Sir Ellis Radcorie's Tylam Chief (Mr. Knoll), Mr. Adamer's Persian Cat (Mr. Moller), Mr. George Sand's Daintysand (Mr. Ears).

Daintysand got away first, but first past the post was Persian Cat, with Daintysand second, followed by Modesty Dahlia, with Tylam Chief last. The same order was maintained passing Bowington Gate where Salamander was seen to be closing up, and, forcing the pace, took third place at the bottom of the incline. Persian Cat was still leading. Passing the rock, Domino began to close up, and soon took fourth place. Down the incline Persian Cat continued to hold the lead with the field in a bunch behind. Daintysand then dropped into the rear and Modesty Dahlia took third position. There was much excitement as the ponies entered the straight and Persian Cat won by a neck, Salamander being second half a length ahead of Modesty Dahlia which came in third.

Time: 2min. 25secs.

Pari-Mutuel—Winner, \$16.40

Places—1st, \$5.60; 2nd, \$5.60; 3rd, \$6.

Cash Sweeps—1st, No. 280, \$1,867; 2nd, No. 267, \$332; 3rd, No. 607, \$246.

Unplaced starters (\$25 each), Nos. 69, 229, and 288.

THE CHALLENGE CUP.

Value One hundred Guineas. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a Pony or Ponies the bona fide property of the same owners or owners. Winner to receive \$500 and 70 per cent. Second \$250 and 20 per cent. Third \$125 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. and the Third Pony 25 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. Entrance \$10. One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Geo. Sand's Royalsand, 11st 7lb (Mr. Ears) 1

Sir Ellis Radcorie's Kalgan Chief, 11st (Mr. Knoll) 2

Mr. Adamer's Xmas Light, 10st 11lb (Mr. Moller) 3

Also ran—Adventure (Mr. Sedgwick).

Royalsand took the lead from Xmas Light; Kalgan Chief third. At the gate, Adventure raced into second place, Xmas Light being third and Kalgan Chief last. First past the post was Royalsand, a length in front of Xmas Light, with Kalgan Chief third and Adventure fourth. The same order held at the back stretch, Adventure racing in partnership with Kalgan Chief, Royalsand being a length in front of Xmas Light up to the Bowington Gate and to the bottom of the incline. Kalgan Chief took second place from Xmas Light, nearing the Rock, with Royalsand still a length ahead, Adventure being out of the race. The same order obtained into the village bend, Royalsand being ridden easily and increasing his lead from Kalgan Chief. In the home straight, Royalsand was still being ridden easily, with Kalgan Chief on the outside, and Xmas Light in the centre. Royalsand won in a canter by four lengths, with many lengths between Xmas Light, second, and Kalgan Chief, third.

Time: 3min. 48 1/4secs.

Pari-Mutuel—Winners, No. 113, \$5.80

Places—1st, \$5.60; 2nd, \$8.90.

Cash Sweeps—1st, No. 840, \$2,040; 2nd, No. 223, \$583; 3rd, No. 828, \$291.

Unplaced Pony—No. 637.

THE TRIAL PLATE.

Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918 allowed 7lb. Winner of the Maiden Stakes 7lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance \$10. Allowances accumulative. From the two mile post once round and in.

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THE GARRISON STAKES.

Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at previous meetings of one Race 7lb.; of more than one 14lb.; at this Meeting 5lb. extra. Penalties accumulative. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Coahed's Snuffbox, 11st 41b (Mr. Sedgwick) 1

Mr. Adamer's Black Cat, 10st 11lb (Mr. Moller) 2

TELEGRAMS.

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

ACTIVITY ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 24. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
We repulsed raiders in the neighbourhood of Broodseinde.
There has been hostile artillery in the Passchendaele sector.

LONDON, Feb. 22. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
A large enemy party raided two of our posts in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Roulers railway and a few of our men are missing.

The Belgians repulsed an attempted raid in the Morcken sector.

THE COMING ENEMY OFFENSIVE.

PARIS, Feb. 22. A semi-official statement says that although reciprocal raiding is increasing, denoting that preparations for an offensive are becoming more marked, and the artillery duel has increased, nothing yet indicates that the enemy is on the point of launching his offensive.

ENEMY RAIDS REPULSED.

LONDON, Feb. 24. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
We repulsed, with enemy losses, an attempted raid at Hill 70.

We drove off raiders, to the north of Poelcapelle.

Our patrols took some prisoners on different parts of the front.

The hostile artillery was active between Gouzeaucourt and the Scarpe Valley and at a number of points between Lens and Arras and to the north-east and to the north of Ypres.

Owing to the bad weather only a few fights were possible.

SUCCESSFUL RAID BY SCOTTISH TROOPS.

LONDON, Feb. 23. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
The Scottish troops carried out a successful raid, last night, at Monchy-le-Preux.

There was hostile artillery activity in the neighbourhood of the Menin road and to the south of Houthulst forest.

THE EXTENDED BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 22. Mr. Philip Gibbs, telegraphing from Headquarters, states that since we took over the part of the French line about St. Quentin a few weeks ago, we have gradually extended our front to the right and one can now look at points straight across to the German lines where the river Oise and its canal are in the flats and marshes beneath our slopes. Here "No Man's Land" is sometimes 1,000 yards wide owing to the swamps due to the breaking of the canal bank. Behind the German outposts is the formidable French system forming part of the Hindenburg Line. Between St. Quentin and Laon, the ground to the south-east of the Oise rises to St. Gobain ridge which is a high rampart in the German lines, and the whole country is wild and rugged and covered with great forests.

BRITISH NAVY OF 450,000 MEN.

LONDON, Feb. 22. The Navy Estimates provide for 450,000 men.

A TORPEDOED SPANISH STEAMER.

SURVIVORS PICKED UP AT SEA.

CADIZ, Feb. 22. Twenty-eight survivors of the torpedoed Spanish steamer *Maracaibo*, which was proceeding to New York, have been picked up at sea and landed here.

A FORTY YEARS TEST!

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy has been curing coughs and colds for the past forty years and has gained in popularity every year. What better recommendation is required? We sell by all Chemists and Druggists.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

GENERAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Feb. 22. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
We repulsed raiders southward of Arras.

Patrols elsewhere brought in a number of prisoners.

The enemy artillery was active in the neighbourhood of St. Quentin, the Arras-Cambrai road, Lens, Arras and Ypres.

A break in the weather prevented flying, except for artillery observation.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 22. A French communiqué reports:—
There was fairly lively reciprocal artillery activity on the whole front, especially in the regions of Pinon, Vauxaillon, Malmaison, Pontavert, Gueudecourt and Butte-du-Mesnil.

Three German aeroplanes were brought down and two forced down in their own lines, seriously damaged.

LORD MILNER ON PEACE TALK.

"FIGHTING FOR OUR VERY LIVES."

LONDON, Feb. 22. Lord Milner, speaking on war aims at Plymouth, deprecated sidetrack about details of peace negotiations when the German military party was again more firmly in the saddle and when we are fighting for our very lives and the very existence of the free nations of Western Europe.

The military's single object, openly proclaimed, was to deal Italy, France and Britain a knock-out blow, thereby securing domination throughout Europe and the greater part of Asia and enabling the establishment of military despotism to be world-wide. It was not now a question of destroying Prussian militarism but whether Prussianism would destroy us, sweeping away everything for which the freedom-loving nations had striven for centuries to attain.

Lord Milner foreshadowed greater efforts and much greater hardships in the immediate future; therefore he appealed for more perfect co-ordination of effort by all the Allies, the suppression of domestic disorder and the concentration of the efforts of men and women of all classes and parties upon the supreme object of national salvation.

Continuing, Lord Milner said that owing to the policy of the Versailles Council, we had now got reasonable machinery for attaining co-ordination of effort. The essence of the new system was that we had got a permanent body of experts always sitting and engaged in the study of war problems from the point of view of the Alliance as a whole.

Concluding, Lord Milner said he did not fear there would be seen in this country anything like to the follies and excesses of Russia. Such revolutions destroy, not despotism, but democracy, which was perhaps on its greatest and final trial.

CLIMAX APPROACHING IN FINLAND.

REDGUARDS FLY SKULL AND CROSSBONES FLAG.

VASA, Feb. 21. Events in Finland between the White Army, which is anti-Bolshevik, and the revolutionaries or Red Guards are apparently moving towards a climax.

The East Finnish White Army, 20,000 strong, is advancing south along the Mikkel-Kuopio railway, a second force along the Joensuu-Viipuri railway, with the object of capturing Viipuri, and a third contingent proceeding from Kristinestad, upon the Red Guards stronghold at Björneborg.

The White Guards hold the railway to Haapamäki, north of Viipuri, ensuring communication between west and east via Nivala.

Hundreds of students are besieged in the Helsingfors district, and a terrible death is awaiting them if they are unable to hold out.

The Headquarters of the Red Guards have been moved from Tammerfors to Helsinki, south of Tavastehus, where the black flag with skull and crossbones is flying.

THE HUMANITARIAN PROPOSALS.

KUELMANN'S VISIT POSTPONED.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21. A message from Berlin says that Baron Kueilmann's departure for Rumania, to discuss peace terms, has been postponed owing to the new Rumanian situation.

THE POLICY OF THE NATIONAL PARTY.

CLOSER IMPERIAL UNITY.

LONDON, Feb. 22. The Imperial policy adopted by the National Party advocates first, closer imperial unity, with permanent machinery for that purpose; secondly, unity of the Empire in defence and a policy of mutual aid with a view to development of natural resources, food-stuffs and raw materials; thirdly, the investment of British capital within the Empire; fourthly, encouraging the flow of emigration and the establishment of permanent machinery for overseas land settlement. Finally, it condemns the injustice of double income tax.

THE GRAVES OF OUR SOLDIERS.

THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS.

LONDON, Feb. 22. A meeting of the Imperial War Graves Commission presided over by the Prince of Wales, approved of the report of Lieut.-Col. Sir Frederick Scudgong making a recommendation as regards the provision of memorials in cemeteries and that the general supervision of such construction work be given to the architects, Mr. Reginald Blomfield, Sir Edwin Lutyens and Mr. Herbert Baker.

It was announced that the Government had undertaken to bear the cost of laying out and maintaining British military cemeteries abroad and providing suitable headstones. The Kenyon report recommends equality in treatment of headstones and graves for officers and men and the creation of central memorials in each country in addition to individual headstones. Regiments and other military formations have been asked to send suggestions for the design of headstones. It was stated that some, if not all, of the Dominions would decide on headstones representing the Dominion rather than the individual.

The Commission will consider the special questions arising in connection with the graves of Indian soldiers.

KLIP RIVER OVERFLOWS.

LADYSMITH FLOODED.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 22. Speaking in the Assembly, General Botha announced that owing to the Klip River overflowing, half the town of Ladysmith is under water from two to five feet deep. A number of houses have subsided and 85 families are destitute.

HUNGARIAN WAR EXPENDITURE RISING.

ZURICH, Feb. 22. The Hungarian Finance Minister stated in Parliament that despite the cessation of hostilities on the East Front the Hungarian war expenditure was rising. The present figures were 232,000,000 monthly, compared to 228,000,000 last December.

SPORTING.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

1st DIVISION LEAGUE.

H.K.F.G. 1. v. R.E. 1.

This match, which took place on the Club ground at the Happy Valley, resulted in a draw. The Club started the attack and at one time looked very near scoring, but Clarke was in good trim and effectively cleared. The Sappers, realizing that their attack lacked finish and most of their efforts were spoiled through inaccurate shooting. The first goal was scored against the Sappers from a penalty kick. Stewart took the kick and netted the ball with a neat shot. The Club did most of the play after this and half-time arrived with one up in their favour.

After the interval the Sappers began to force the game; time after time they raided their opponent's territory, and the home defence was hard put to save the situation. Parton sent a hard shot which Rogers just managed to save by pushing it over the bar. A penalty was given against the Club for hand's. Strange took the kick, Rogers saved, but Townsend following it up quickly, netted the ball before it could be cleared. More exciting play followed but no further score was made.

The teams were as follows:—
H.K.F.G.—G. Rogers, Irvine and Cove; R.E. 1.—G. Rogers, Irvine and Cove; R.E. 1.—G. Rogers, Irvine and Cove; R.E. 1.—G. Rogers, Irvine and Cove.

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CHICKEN.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The outstanding feature of last Saturday's matches was H.K.F.G. declaring for one wicket, for which 200 runs were scored. As usual, Mr. T. E. Pearce was mainly responsible for this, he again passing the century. Pearce went in for vigorous hitting and the bowlers saw their deliveries going to boundary practically five times out of the over. The other matches were not noticeable for high scoring. The C.R.C. after their several defeats managed to get a win by nine runs from the Middlesex, which is not saying a great deal, since the latter have not played any great form this season. H.K.F.G. loses its place at top of the League table to Rowdon, with the University standing third.

HONGKONG v. CIVIL SERVICE.

Only Pearce, Capt. Grey and H.E. Muriel, batted, Pearce making 116, Capt. Grey 81 and Muriel 21. After an hour-and-a-half at the wickets a declaration was made, leaving the Civil Service plenty of time to equalize or win. The latter, however, were not able to score fast enough and only 58 runs having fallen at time, with 58 runs wanting to equalize the scores. For the service, the batsmen were not in the best of form, but after a few more runs had been dismissed the scoring was very slow and the draw was the consequence.

C. R. C. v. MIDDLESEX.

The C. R. C. started off well, 38 runs being scored before the first wicket fell. Another 17 was added by the time the fourth wicket went down, then the team went to pieces, six wickets going for only fourteen runs. The innings was declared when 181 had been reached for eight wickets.

The Middlesex was rather puzzled by Yew Man Tsun's bowling, who took fifteen wickets for seven runs and the finish was somewhat exciting, for only ten runs were required for a win when the last man went in. He failed, however, to make the winning strokes and lost the match by nine runs.

ORANGEGOWER v. NAVY.

This was another close match, fifteen runs only being the difference between the total scores. Orangegower batted first and the individual scoring was low, seven runs being scored by P. S. Thompson. He took the ball at the close of the innings and secured two wickets for five runs, dismissing Orangegower's last man when the total of 80 had been reached.

The Navy, although they had such a low score to beat, only managed to win by a small margin, and the individual scoring was slow and low, excepting for Commander Gibson's seventeen and Staley's 21. The final total made by the sailors was 84.

KOWLOON v. UNIVERSITY.

The scholars were the visitors to Kowloon in this match, and they were beaten. Kowloon batted first and their innings was characterized by six double-figure scores, four of them being over the twenties; K.R. Macaskill making top score of 44. In view of this, the innings was declared when 181 had been reached for eight wickets.

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THEATRE ROYAL.

SATURDAY'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The theatrical entertainment organized by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stokes of Shanghai in aid of the Mercantile Marine and Naval Prisoners of War Funds attracted a full house to the Theatre Royal on Saturday night.

Three short plays were presented—"Acid Drops," "Five Birds in a Cage," and "The Rest Cure."

To play "Acid Drops" first was perhaps a rather unfortunate choice, for while the subject matter of the piece was an interesting study, what we may call its drowsy atmosphere rather disposed the audience to sleep than to enthusiasm, though the various characters were excellently portrayed.

The scene was an old woman's ward of five beds in a workhouse, with four women in the regulation workhouse uniform, not forgetting the picturesque plaid shawl, sitting beside their beds, and the fifth, an invalid, in bed. The ill-natured old woman, the amiable old woman, the peculiar middle-aged woman, a young woman subject to fits and the dear old centenarian in bed conversed, with no little acidity, on such limited and uninspiring topics as life in a workhouse ward presents. In addition there was the lady visitor who brought the acid drops and other little comforts which went to brighten the life of the inmates, and there was the curate in love with the lady visitor, a discovery which afforded a fresh topic of conversation for the inmates, while the attempt of the ill-natured old woman to keep for herself the acid drops intended for all provided the little by-play which relieved the dreary monotony of the play. Mrs. Davidson as the ill-natured old woman, Mrs. Carmichael as the amiable old woman, Miss Wilkinson as the young woman subject to fits, and Mrs. Thornton as the dear old invalid, gave excellent interpretations of their various characters. The peculiar middle-aged woman, impersonated by Mrs. Day, revealed a mental attitude and voice which in other circumstances and situations would have suited a gallant Knight. Miss Gordon made an admirable lady visitor, and Mr. T. Bowen Farrington filled the role of the curate as to the manner born.

The second play, "Five Birds in a Cage" was a more vivacious piece, very cleverly acted and greatly enjoyed. The scene was a Central London Railway lift whose gear had gone wrong in the process of its elevation; and the five "birds" suspended in mid-air were the Duchess of Wiltshire (with Socialistic views), impersonated by Mrs. A. P. Stokes; Nelly (a dressmaker's girl), Mrs. Davidson; Lord Porth ("Rather an ass"), Mr. A. P. Stokes; Bert Wilson (a bricklayer), Mr. H. W. Bird; and the liftman, Mr. M. Stafford Northcote. All the players were excellent in their parts and a better interpretation of the little comedy could scarcely be desired.

The final play was "The Rest Cure," with a bedroom in a Nursing Home as the scene. The characters were by taken Mr. A. P. Stokes as the patient, Miss Hastings as the wife of the patient, Mrs. Davidson as the servant in the Home, and Mrs. A. P. Stokes and Mrs. Thornton as nurses. It was a very amusing little play, and all the characters in it were capably taken. The Nursing Home proved to be by no means a haven of rest, and the many distractions of the place, the noise, the disturbing disclosures of the garrulous nurses, and the contribution made to the general iniquities of the Home by the servant girl, and the constant series of shocks thus given to the patient made up a bright and lively little comedy.

Mrs. Thornton, took the part of the invalid in "Acid Drops," and one of the nurses in "The Rest Cure" at one day's notice, owing to the indisposition of Mrs. Logan, who was to have played these two parts, and on that account deserves all the more credit for her successful acting.

In thanking Mr. and Mrs. Stokes for the pleasure they gave to the large audience by providing the entertainment and playing with marked ability and success in two of the pieces, it will not, we are sure, be thought invidious if we specially mention also the very capable acting of Mrs. Davidson in all three plays. She possesses real talent and her acting in all three plays was conspicuously successful.

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"I'll make a note of it," said the forgetful one.

"Also," continued the wife, "remember that Aunt Tabitha's brother Bill is a sore point with all of them. Don't mention him!"

"I'll put that down, too!" murmured the husband.

"Then, too, dear, do be careful about getting in draughts. You caught an awful cold last time."

"I'll try to remember," he returned.

She imparted a farewell kiss upon his brow.

"I hope, dear," she said, "a catch in her voice," "you'll think of me every day while you're gone."

"Yes, dear, I will," responded the hubby solemnly. "I'll make a memorandum of it."

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A HONGKONG CASE.

A PRITY COUNCIL DECISION.

We have now received the full report of the judgment of an appeal from Hongkong to the Privy Council in the action, Tong Shun v. Fung Ping Shan and Fung Yee Chai.

This case, it will be remembered, concerned a mortgage to the defendants, who are bankers, of certain property claimed by the plaintiff who applied to have the transaction set aside. The trial involved questions of law, and engaged the attention of the local Courts for a considerable period. The original judgment of the Chief Justice was for the plaintiff. On appeal, the Full Court here consisting of the President, Sir H. W. de Saumarez, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Judges disagreed, the President's view being in favour of the defendant bankers and the Puisne Judge's in favour of the plaintiff; and consequently the original judgment stood. On the further appeal to the Privy Council the result is that final judgment has been given for the defendant bankers with costs both in the Privy Council and below.

Counsel for the plaintiff was Mr. Eldon Potter instructed by Messrs. Hastings & Hastings and Counsel for the defendant bankers was the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon & Harston.

The judgment of the Privy Council consisting of Lord Shaw, Lord Parker of Waddington and Lord Sumner was delivered by Lord Parker of Waddington and is as follows:—

By an indenture dated the 17th September, 1900, and made between Pang Kit Cheong (hereinafter called the vendor, of the one part and a person therein described as "Tong Shun, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Trader," and hereinafter called the purchaser, of the other part, it was witnessed that, in consideration of 25,500 dollars then paid by the purchaser, the receipt whereof the vendor acknowledged, the vendor assigned unto the purchaser all that piece or parcel of land being in the Island Lot No. 550, then known as No. 104, Bonham Street, to hold the same unto the purchaser for all the residue of the term created by and subject to the payment of the rent and the performance of the lease's covenants and conditions reserved and contained in the Crown lease therein mentioned. And the purchaser thereby covenanted with the vendor that the purchaser would during the residue of the said term pay the rent and perform the covenants in the said Crown lease reserved and contained, and indemnify the vendor against all actions, claims, and demands on account or in respect of the non-payment of the said rent or the non-performance of the said covenants and conditions, or any of them. The indenture was executed by both parties and witnessed by Mr. Hodgson, a solicitor.

The vendor was at the date of this indenture the legal owner of the leasehold property expressed to be thereby assigned and it cannot be disputed that the effect of the indenture was to pass the legal estate in this property to the person therein referred to as the purchaser. The only question is as to the identity of this person. The respondent who will hereinafter be referred to as the "uncle," contends that he is the person in question, and that the legal estate passed to him. The appellants, on the other hand, contend that the person in question is a person who will be hereinafter referred to as the "nephew," and that the legal estate passed to the nephew.

There can be no doubt that parole evidence as to the identity of a party to a deed is always admissible, but in considering such evidence it is of paramount importance to bear in mind the indicia of identity afforded by the deed itself. In the present case these indicia are as follows: the person to be looked for is a person who: (1) is named Tong Shun; (2) resides at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong; (3) is a trader; (4) has paid the vendor 25,500 dollars; and (5) enters into a covenant with the vendor by signing, sealing, and delivering the indenture itself. The uncle's Chinese name may properly be rendered in English as Tong Shun and he may, no doubt, be properly described as a trader. He also seems to have provided the 25,500 dollars paid to the vendor. But he was not resident in Hongkong when the indenture was executed. On the contrary, he resided at Chicago, his only connection with Hongkong being that he was of had been a partner in certain businesses carried on in the Colony. He certainly did not either personally or by a properly constituted attorney sign, seal, or deliver the indenture, or thereby enter into any covenant with the vendor. The nephew, on the other hand, has a Chinese name which may properly be rendered in English as Fung Ping Shan; he resides in Victoria in this Colony; he is a trader; he paid the 25,500 dollars, though out of money provided by the uncle; he personally signed, sealed, and delivered the indenture and he is the only person who could possibly be said by the vendor

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on the covenant, on the part of the purchaser therein contained.

The facts above stated taken alone would, in their Lordships' opinion, establish beyond controversy that the person in the indenture described as the purchaser was the nephew and not the uncle, but there is one additional fact which has not yet been stated, and which is said to outweigh the other evidence, or at least to create such an ambiguity as to admit evidence of intention. As hereinafter appears both the uncle and the nephew have Chinese names, which may be properly rendered in English as Tong Shun. To the Chinese ear the names are, however, quite distinct, because their intonation is different. They are also distinct when written in Chinese characters, because these characters indicate total marks. It appears that the nephew in signing the indenture made use of the Chinese characters appropriate to his own name and not of those appropriate to the uncle's name. It is, and that this alone is sufficient to identify the uncle as the person in the indenture described as the purchaser. Their Lordships cannot accept this contention. A person who signs a name, and delivers a deed of covenant cannot avoid liability under the deed by signing a name which he represents as, but which is not in fact, his own, nor can he saddle such liability on the person whose name he uses, unless he is the duly constituted attorney of such person. The nephew was not the duly constituted attorney of the uncle. He is therefore liable on the covenant, and to argue that while the person who covenants is the nephew, the property passes to the uncle would be to contradict the deed, which clearly indicates that the property passes to the person who enters into the covenant. Even if the use of the Chinese characters appropriate to the uncle's name can be said to create an ambiguity to elucidate which evidence of intention is admissible, the uncle's position is in no way improved. For it is quite certain that the vendor intended to convey to the nephew whom alone he knew in the transaction. It is still ad rem to say that as long as the vendor got his money he did not care to whom he assigned the property. The nephew was not called as a witness, and his reasons for signing as he did are a matter of surmise, but having regard to the fact that he was about to perpetrate a series of frauds, it is not improbable that he desired to be able to assure the uncle (as he subsequently assured him) that his (the uncle's) name had been used in the transaction while he himself remained in a position to mortgage or otherwise deal with the property.

Their Lordships think that the legal estate undoubtedly passed to the nephew, though inasmuch as the transaction was entered into on the uncle's behalf and with money provided by him, the nephew held the legal estate in trust for the uncle. On the 12th November, 1900, the nephew created a legal mortgage on the property for 15,000 dollars. This was a fraud upon the uncle, for the mortgage could, by virtue of the legal estate, rely on the plea of purchase for value without notice.

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to protect his interest in the property. He found as a fact that the nephew had defrauded him by creating the legal mortgage for 10,000 dollars, which undoubtedly had priority to his own equitable interest, and had defrauded the appellants by creating in their favour the equitable mortgage for 15,000 dollars which, apart from any question as to the uncle's conduct, was undoubtedly postponed to the uncle's equitable estate. The uncle and the nephew thereupon, after consulting solicitors in Hongkong, entered on the 20th June, 1914, into the following transaction:—First, the nephew paid off the legal mortgage and took a reconveyance of the legal estate. It does not appear whether the uncle or the nephew found the money for this purpose. Secondly, the nephew assigned the legal estate to the uncle subject to the indenture, creating the equitable mortgage, and the principal and interest thereby secured, the nephew covenanted with the uncle to pay him on demand, the principal sum of 15,000 and all interest or other monies due by virtue of the indenture of mortgage, and the costs, charges, and expenses of paying off such mortgage and obtaining a reconveyance thereof. The second point their Lordships have to decide is the effect of these transactions on the position of the appellants. The uncle contends that they do not preclude him from setting up as against the appellants the equitable estate which he undoubtedly theretofore possessed. The appellants, on the other hand, contend that such equitable interest as the uncle had prior to the transactions in question is now gone, and that his sole interest is the legal interest which he expressly takes subject to the appellants' equitable mortgage.

In considering these rival contentions, there are two points which must be borne in mind. In the first place, whatever the nephew does in carrying out the transactions in question must be taken as done by the direction of the uncle, the party beneficially interested. In the second place, the position of an equitable mortgagee may be improved by transactions to which he is not a party. Where a prior mortgage is paid off by the owners of the property, the position of a puisne equitable mortgagee is improved, although the circumstances were such that the party taking the reconveyance might, had he so chosen, have kept the mortgage alive in his own favour, so as not to benefit the puisne mortgagee. Even in the case of the creation of an equitable charge, it is not necessary that the person in whose favour the charge is created should be a party to the transaction. A conveyance by A to B, subject to a charge, in favour of C, creates such a charge, if it be the intention of the parties, even though C be not himself a party to the transaction.

If these points be borne in mind and attention be paid to the indenture by which the nephew conveyed the legal estate to the uncle, it is in their Lordships' opinion reasonably clear that the effect of the transaction was, and was intended to be, that for which the appellants contend. This indenture contains a recital of the appellants' mortgage, and no recital as to its being postponed to the uncle's equitable estate. It also recites a request by the uncle to the nephew to assign the property to him, subject to the appellants' mortgage, and to enter into the covenant therein contained, namely, the covenant to pay the uncle on demand the principal and interest due on such mortgage. What conceivable consideration could there be for such a covenant, unless the uncle intended to give the appellants priority in respect of their mortgage over his own equitable estate, and how can the uncle now assert such equitable estate against the appellants without destroying this consideration? Again, the conveyance is expressed to be subject to the appellants' mortgage, and interest thereon, and to payment of the principal and interest thereby secured, and not subject to any charge created by this indenture which might take effect in priority to the uncle's equitable estate, as would have been the case had the uncle intended to set up such estate against the appellants. Lastly, the nephew covenants to pay the uncle on demand, what is secured by the appellants' mortgage, and not, as would have been the case if the uncle's contention be correct, to pay the money to the appellants' and indemnify the uncle's property for any claim to a charge in respect thereof.

In their Lordships' opinion, the effect of these transactions was that the uncle, instead of his equitable estate ranking in priority of appellants' mortgage, took the legal estate subject to the appellants' mortgage, in consideration of the nephew covenanteeing above mentioned. The uncle's prior equitable estate, being on extensive with the legal estate which he was acquiring would, prima facie, merge in such legal estate. (Selby v.

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FRIDAY, 1st March.—
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. Musketry Instruction.
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Musketry Instruction.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

2nd Feb. to 1st March.—
E. L. Manning Nightly.
Parades as per roster posted at Headquarters. Engine Drivers at 6 p.m. Electricians at 8.15 p.m.

OFFICERS' DUTY FOR DUTY.
Belchers: Lieut. Hall; Lieutenants, 2nd Lieut. Hill; Stonecutters, 2nd Lieut. Brown.
Instruction for members of Infantry Battalion attached for duty:
Class 1, at Belcher, at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.
Class 2, at Belcher, at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.
Class 3, at Lyeuen, at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

No classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 25th and 26th February, 1918.

Lieut. R. J. Stevenson will take duty as O. of D.E.L. Stonecutters in place of Lieut. Hill until further orders.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.
SHOOTING SECTION.
FRIDAY, 1st March.—
8.15 p.m. N.C.C. and men as detailed by O.C. to complete Tests of Elementary Training, at Headquarters, under C. S. M. Blair. Dress. Drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 28th instant.—
8.15 p.m.—All units, except "D" Company, at Headquarters, under Sergt. Edmunds and Menzies. Dress. Drill order.

FRIDAY, 1st March.—
8.15 p.m.—All units, except "D" Company, on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergt. Edmunds and Menzies. Dress. Drill order.

THURSDAY, 28th instant.—
8.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, at Headquarters. Musketry Instruction. Dress. Drill order with pouches. Sergt. Oxberry and Corpl. Grimes will attend.

FRIDAY, 1st March.—
8.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, on Murray Parade Ground. Musketry Instruction. Dress. Drill order with pouches. Sergt. Oxberry and Corpl. Grimes will attend.

G. E. STEWART,
Captain.
Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps.

To-day's Advertisements

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The above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

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No claim will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown. All claims and damaged Goods will be handled to the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 5th March, at 10 a.m.

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T. DAIGO,
Manager.

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